



Zoo Volunteer and Zoo Docent Application

Thank you for your interest in volunteer opportunities with the Columbian Park Zoo. Volunteers provide valuable support and assistance to staff and have an integral role in the success of our many special events.

Name: _____
First Middle Initial Last

Date of Birth (must be 18 years or older to apply) _____

Mailing Address:

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Address (if different)

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____

Contact Information: Please provide only those at which you wish us to contact you

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Cell Phone/Pager: _____

General Information:

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Educational background: _____

List any prior animal experience: _____

Do you have any special experience, training, licenses or certifications? _____

Why are you interested in volunteering at Columbian Park Zoo? _____

Are you uncomfortable around any animals? _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name/Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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Availability:

Please indicate the days and times you are available to volunteer (Remember that promptness and reliability are very important):

	<u>8:30 - 11:30 AM</u>	<u>1:00 - 4:00 PM</u>
Monday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tuesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thursday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

How did you find out about volunteer and internship opportunities at Columbian Park Zoo?

Specific Areas of Interest:

Please mark those activities that most interest you. Check all that apply.

Animal Care ☐ Behavioral Enrichments ☐ Animal Conditioning/Observations ☐Special Events Set-up ☐ Gift shop ☐ Receptionist ☐ Assist with Summer Camps ☐Assist with Volunteer Newsletter ☐ Mailings ☐ Marketing/Communications ☐Assist with Education Department (Docent) ☐**Internships:**

Semester long unpaid internships are available in the following areas: Animal Care, Education, Marketing/Communications and Horticulture. Please contact Courtney Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator, at 765-807-1543 or ckennedy@lafayette.in.gov for more information.

Conditions:

I agree to advise the Zoo in writing of any physical limitations which could affect or be affected by any volunteer activities I assume. I understand it is my responsibility to provide this information and I release the Zoo from any liability for injuries or illnesses which result from my failure to advise the Zoo in writing of any such limitations.

I agree and understand that as a volunteer, the Zoo is not obligated to provide me any payment or benefit for my services. I also agree to release the Lafayette City Board of Parks and Recreation, its employees and agents (collectively "the Zoo") from any liability in the event I am injured or suffer damage as a result of my volunteer activities at the Zoo. I agree not to pursue any claim or initiate any action against the Zoo in the event I am injured or suffer damage as a result of the negligence of the Zoo. I understand and agree that this is an express assumption of risk and this release and waiver is made on my own behalf and on behalf of my heirs, executors, representatives and assigns.

I understand that the Zoo may require alcohol, drug and substance abuse screening, and I consent to such an examination and authorize the release of the results of such an examination to the Zoo.

I hereby authorize a law enforcement background check and investigation of all statements in this application and request any company, institution, or persons, including police agencies, contacted as part of this investigation to provide any and all pertinent information. To assure their cooperation, I hereby release them from all liability for any damage that may result from furnishing same to the Zoo.

All information provided herein is true, correct and complete.

Dated:

Applicant

Please send completed and signed form to:

**Volunteer Coordinator
Columbian Park Zoo
1915 Scott Street
Lafayette, IN 47904**

Upon receipt and review of your application, a zoo representative will contact you to schedule a brief orientation. This orientation will last approximately 90 minutes and will provide you with an overview of zoo operations, expectations and opportunities. After completing your orientation, you will be ready to begin as a volunteer.

For questions, please contact Courtney Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator, at 765-807-1543 or ckennedy@lafayette.in.gov.

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